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**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 5, 2013  
**LOCATION:** Perkins Restaurant, Missoula  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

## **In Attendance:**

**Members:** Tim Aldrich, Jane Bennett, Louie Bouma, Todd Frank, Charlie Johnson, Denley Loge, Tracy Manley, Theresa Mondale, Jim Olson, Jack Reneau, Carey Schmidt, Dennis Schutz, Stephanie Strickland

**Staff:** Vivaca Crowser, Mike Thompson, Dori Schiele, Joe Jaquith and Mack Long

## **Enforcement Presentation**-Joe Jaquith, Acting Warden Captain

Joe gave a presentation on the 2012 Region 2 enforcement cases and investigations.

He shared photos from recent investigations, reviewed charges filed and sentences given in some cases, discussed accomplishments, and presented an overview of wildlife crime trends.

## **2013 Legislative Session** –Mack Long, Regional Supervisor

Mack gave a summary/update of the legislative session and went through and summarized some of the bills affecting Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

Mack also talked about the FWP budget and need to make cuts for the next fiscal year (July 1).

## **Region 2 Wildlife Management Areas**-Mike Thompson, Regional Wildlife Manager

Mike Thompson gave a presentation on the Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in Region 2. These are properties owned in fee-title by FWP and managed first for wildlife, and secondarily for other compatible uses that compliment or benefit wildlife habitat.

WMAs are scattered strategically to secure critical habitats that maintain and enhance the function of much larger ecosystems. Mike said that Region 2 has had access to reasonably adequate funding for WMAs maintenance and suggested that it is common for people to assume that FWP cannot manage its properties, when their main point may be that FWP has different management priorities for their properties. In many cases, the alternative to FWP owning these properties has been an interest by the private landowner to sell or subdivide the land.

There are a number of funding sources for the purchase of WMAs, including federal Pittman-Robertson funds (tax on arms and ammunition), federal Habitat Conservation Program funds, Natural Resource Damage Program funds in the Upper Clark Fork, as well as Habitat Montana (earmarked hunting license revenues).

Dave Dziak (693-9083) is the WMAs manager, based at the Warm Springs WMA, and each area biologist shares responsibilities for habitat management on the WMAs in their areas of responsibility. A synopsis of the WMAs statewide can be found on FWP's website.

In Region 2 there are 14 WMAs totaling about 165,000 acres. They are: Fish Creek (Mineral Co); Mount Jumbo and Marshall Creek (Missoula Co); Threemile and Calf Creek (Ravalli Co); Blackfoot-Clearwater (Missoula and Powell Co's); Aunt Molly, Nevada Lake and Spotted Dog (Powell Co); Blue-Eyed Nellie, Stuckey Ridge, Garrity Mountain, Lost Creek and Warm Springs (Anaconda-Deer Lodge Co).

Denley Loge suggested that it might be good for the CAC to tour a WMA.

### **Upcoming 2013 Meeting Dates**

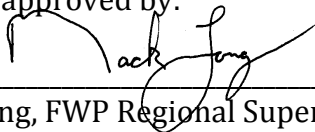
The remaining meetings for 2013 will be the first Tuesday of May, Aug. & Dec., starting with dinner at 6:00 pm with the meeting to follow at 6:30 pm. Specific dates are as follows:

- May 7
- August 6
- December 3

### **Next meeting**

**Tuesday, May 7, 6 pm, at the Missoula FWP office (3201 Spurgin Rd)**

Minutes approved by:



Mack Long, FWP Regional Supervisor

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